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PATENT

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TITLE OF APPLICATION:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTER CONTROLLED RARE, INCLUDING FETAL CELL, BASED DIAGNOSIS		

Confirmation No. 1541**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
JUNE 3, 2008, AND AMENDMENT

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is submitted in response to the Final Office action of JUNE 03, 2008. A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION IS ENCLOSED.

• **LOCATION OF SPECIFIED SECTIONS FOR SCANNING OF THIS DOCUMENT**

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• **Request for Extension of Time**

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time to respond to final Office action dated June 3, 2008, for the instant response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all small-entity fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 11-0404.

• **REQUEST FOR ENTRANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF ARGUMENTS**

Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendments, and consideration of its arguments set forth below, as responsive to the non-final Office action dated June 3rd, 2008.

Amended/new claims that may be construed as more limiting in scope than the scope of any of the claims prior to amendment/cancellation/addition should not be construed as an abandonment of any subject matter no longer claimed, nor should the amended/new claims be construed in any manner to waive or limit the equivalent structures of any element recited in

such claims that would otherwise be available under the Doctrine of Equivalents with respect to the unamended/canceled claims.

Amendment/cancellation/addition of the claims is not in any manner intended to, and should not be construed to, waive Applicant's right in the future to seek protection for the subject matter claimed in prior claims, or to seek protection for similar matter in any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, RCE, or any other application claiming priority to or through the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file applications directed to the subject matter covered by any canceled, or previously submitted claim, as well as any uncovered subject matter disclosed in the specification.

- **Format of this Response**

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121. If a substitute specification is submitted herein, a clean form and marked-up version are included. Amendments to drawings, if any, are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 on replacement sheets as an attachment to this document (with an accompanying detailed explanation of all of the changes with respect to the drawings made in the remarks section of this amendment).